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## THE NEWS FOR 1879.

In order to make of THE BRECKENRIDGE NEWS a model Country Family Newspaper, we have secured the services of the well-known printer and newspaper man, Mr. WALLACE THURMAN, and placed the office in his charge, with instructions to spare no effort to carry out our desire. The improvement to be noticed in the present issue is but the beginning. Others will follow as fast as we can extend our facilities for gathering up all the local news in every neighborhood in this and the adjacent counties. We want to enlarge our paper, in order that we may realize our idea of printing a paper in every respect equal to the weeklies that flood the country from the cities, but in order to accomplish this we must have the hearty support of all our people. It would be an easy matter for our friends to swell our subscription list to 1,500 copies. As soon as we secure that number of yearly subscribers, we will procure a new outfit of types, a power press, and every thing needed to print as large and neat a paper as the State can boast of.

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J. D. BABBAGE, Publisher,  
Cloverport, Ky.

## The Booby He—Blaine and Blackburn.

BLAINE is the word-jockey of politics. He makes most noise when he rattles away on dead timber.

CONKLIN is the peacock of politics. His life is spent in strutting the Senate chamber admiring himself.

The United States Government, after a suspension of seventeen years, resumed specie payments January 1.

Now is a good time to look back, see where you missed last year, take steady aim, and hit where you missed before.

O THIRTY years! We didn't issue a paper last week just to give our Charley a chance to run up country and see his sweetheart, and here he has come back bewitched, and she—ought to be switched.

MR. MURRAY, one of the editors of this paper, has been absent from home attending courts for the last two months, and it is nothing more than justice to him as well as to those who wrote in his stead, that we should state that not a line from his pen has appeared in the paper during that period.

If the young man who edits the "Kentucky News" column in the Courier-Journal would spend the time he wastes in concocting flippant and pointless jests about the "rural roosters" in studying the geography of the State, he would avoid the frequent display of ignorance thereof which mars the accuracy of his paragraphs.

A COUPLE of jail-birds at Hardinsburg have written us a communication inveighing against the cost of the jail to the county. It is a pretty expensive adjunct of civilization, that a fact; but then it is just such people as the writers aforesaid that make it so. If they would behave themselves, and not violate the laws, the county would have no jailer's fees to pay.

MR. KNOTT writes to Mr. J. E. Keith, of this city, that he was not present at the McCullough banquet, where Blaine and Blackburn made spectacles of themselves. We are sincerely glad to hear it. We were misled by the St. Louis Times, whose correspondent mentioned him as a guest. Our article was intended for pleasantry, and we did not dream of wounding the feelings of any one.

THE Courier-Journal of the 30th ult., says: "THE BRECKENRIDGE NEWS also threatens to bolt if Dr. Blackburn is defeated for the nomination." We threatened nothing of the kind. We are not of the bolting sort. We simply took the liberty of calling the attention of a certain aspirant for the nomination to the fact that the eyes of the party are upon him, and that the reputation of the sharp practice he indulged in in Union county to an extent that would secure his nomination by a convention thus shamelessly packed, would not secure his election, and referred to the action of the Democracy of the Purchase—who had the mass of their choice overhauled in a convention packed for the purpose—as a warning. That is all. So far as we are concerned, we expect to support the nominee of the State convention, whoever he may be.

## A Nomination for the Legislature.

Editors of the Breckenridge News:

The time is now approaching when, as a people, we will be called on to consider the interest of the masses in the selection of a Representative to the Legislature, and to send a man who has not only that interest at stake, but possesses some practical knowledge of what enactments are necessary.

Heretofore, we have been sending men who, though honest and sincere, were possessed of but little financial knowledge. Raised on the farm, their time has been devoted to its cultivation, its profits and improvements. Consequently, they had little time to devote to the study of the laws of the State, or to inquire into the mode or manner in which they were executed; whether those laws were enacted to oppress the producing classes and bolster up those who live upon enormous salaries, and who never add a farthing to the material wealth of the State. Oppressed as they are with the low prices of what is produced on the farm, many are unable to pay even their taxes. Heretofore we have sent good and true men, but unused to public life, and they were consequently unable to fight the sharps that assemble at Frankfort. Modest and unassuming, they were easily browbeaten and bluffed in any suggestion or effort to reform or reduce the extravagant expenditures that characterized the appropriations of the Legislature.

We now propose laying all political, personal, or individual preferences aside, and select a man who is capable of not only representing the absolute interest of the masses, but also known to be a practical economist, as is evinced by the management of his own concerns, and in his views upon county affairs—one who has taken the pains to familiarize himself with all subjects pertaining to our financial interests, and therefore is well posted as to what is necessary for the prosperity of the State; a man who, when he believes he is right, the ramparts of the lower regions will not cower; who will stand for the right though the howling of the cliques become as terrific as a hurricane, who never was bullied down and never can be; before whom the clique at Frankfort, and their subordinates throughout the State, will cower as if a bombshell had fallen in their midst.

The man I propose as our next Representative, is the Monarch of Mt. Pisgah, J. H. W. FRANK. Though averse to running for or holding office, and disposed to pass the evening of his life in the shades of his favorite Mount, I feel convinced, if the people will second this call, he can not refuse to devote a few of his declining years to the lightening of the burdens of the people. I call on the people whom passion and prejudice does not control, who have the interest of the country at heart instead of individuals, to second my call. Let us hear from you.

AMOS SKILLMAN.

## The Allen Murder Trial.

The term of the Meade Criminal Court, which just closed at Brandenburg, was almost wholly occupied by the trial of Elijah Allen, charged with the murder of William Noble, which occurred April 8, 1878, in that section of Meade county known as the Big Bend.

Over two weeks were consumed by the trial, about seventy witnesses examined, and four speeches made, one each by Messrs. Haycraft and Ziner for the prosecution, and Lewis and Fairleigh for the defense.

The testimony disclosed that on the day of the killing, Noble, with a party of five other young men, went to a point near the residence of William Allen, sr., father of the accused, and sent one of the number into the house with a message for Elijah to come out, he being at the time at his father's. At this point there was a decided conflict of the testimony, the prosecution claiming that the purport of the message was for Elijah to come out that they might peacefully settle a pre-existing difficulty between him and Noble, while the defense endeavored to make it appear that the message was of an opposite nature. But, whatever the exact wording, the invitation brought out the accused, his father, and two neighbors who were in the house, a Mr. Smith and a Mr. Westfall. The elder Allen asked Noble what was wanted. The latter replied something about a settlement, when Elijah Allen, without warning, presented his pistol and fired upon the unfortunate young man, inflicting a fatal wound.

The evidence for the defense was to the effect that Noble had a pistol drawn at the time he was shot, but this was flatly contradicted by the witnesses for the commonwealth. The shooting of Noble produced a general fight then and there, between Wm. Allen, sr., and Thomas Westfall on one side and Filmore Noble (and according to the evidence for the defense) Sterling Alexander and John Beeler on the other. The only damage received by any was by John Beeler, who was knocked down and severely beaten with a club by the elder Allen.

The trial was a remarkable one, the evidence for the prosecution and defense directly conflicting upon almost every point, having the effect to create a doubt in the mind of every listener as to the true facts in the case. The jury evidently arrived at the conclusion that Allen was justified in shooting Noble, for they returned a verdict of "Not guilty." The acquitted man was warmly congratulated by his friends, and immediately left for his home and family.

## SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Cincinnati Gazette, Rep.: Exit the Blaine investigation. Too little money and too much Blaine killed it.

Pittsburgh Dispatch, Rep.: Blaine found a small and very indifferently formed white elephant in his steering Christmas morning, and was not specially elated at the present.

Cincinnati Commercial, Rep.: The Republican party have but one chance to throw away the next Presidential election, and that is the nomination of General Grant. They will not do it.

Washington Post, Dem.: Grant is almost invincible, from the fact that the tremendous influence of the money power is all on his side.

Philadelphia Record, Ind.: The present free-trade policy of England has built up her commercial greatness.

Washington Capital, Ind. Col. Fred. Grant has unlimited leave of absence to go to his home in Europe. Perhaps he is to be Prince of Bulgaria.

Chicago Tribune, Rep.: Secretary Sherman's

duty, under the law, and in answer to the demand and needs of the people, is to coin \$4,000,000 per month of standard silver, and pay it out currently with gold and greenbacks in the line of Government disbursements.

Milwaukee Sentinel, Rep.: It would have been better for not only Mr. Blaine, but the Republican party and the people of the country, if this tiresome plan of attempting to make party capital by expensive and fruitless investigations were abandoned.

Chicago Times, Ind.: It is ascertained why the President has dragged ex-Senator Foster from the calm shades of privacy and placed him in command of the New Orleans mint. He was a Presidential Elector on the Hayes ticket in Tennessee in 1876.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Ind. Rep.: Six members of the South Carolina Legislature are colored Democrats, and now comes the news from Texas that the new Legislature of that State contains five black men elected on the regular Democratic ticket. The color line can't stand this sort of thing a great while.

## STATE NEWS.

Measles are raging in an epidemic form at Greenville, Muhlenburg county.

Back Collins, colored, celebrated Christmas at Sharpshooter, Bath county, by shooting and killing George Jones, also colored.

Every bar-room in Richmond was closed last Monday under the operation of the local option law.

A six-year old colored child tried to assist the tardy flames of an obsolete fire with coal oil. It climbed the golden stair in a hurry.

The sheriff of Madison county levied on a set of false teeth belonging to a fellow who wouldn't pay his tax, while another person was examining them. The delinquent gumped up his tardy teeth.

On the night of the 26th ult., at Crab Orchard, Stewart Myers and two brothers named Carson, between whom pended a misunderstanding, met on the street, and opened fire upon each other. The parties were quickly reinforced by their friends, until some thirty or forty were engaged in the riot. Pistols and shotguns were the weapons used. Myers had one shoulder literally shot to pieces, David Carson was severely wounded, and a number of others were hurt.

Five colored prisoners escaped from the Versailles jail, one of them a murderer under sentence of death. They cut through the walls with an old case knife. If they had possessed a razor they'd have whittled the building into shavings.

John Lamb, one of the oldest citizens of Mason county, and a soldier of the war of 1812, died at his residence near Mayville, aged 88.

John A. Jacobs, Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at Danville, and Col. Clifton Rodes, President of the Central National Bank, same city, both died on the morning of the 27th ult.

A steel bootshank was what the Versailles prisoners whittled out of jail with instead of a case-knife.

It seems that Col. Blair, U. S. A., who recently married the widow of the late Gen. Gordon Granger, at Nicholasville, with a great flourish of trumpets, has an abandoned wife and children in Scotland. The War Department proposes to investigate the matter, and it is likely that a Jessamine county jury will also take a whack at him.

W. H. Wilson, of Cynthia, has purchased six blooded two year old trotting colts in Massachusetts; also the famous stallion Magnificent.

Friday night, in Louisville, a colored baby froze to death in its mother's arms.

Elijah Short, a negro desperado of Franklin, declared his intention Christmas morning of celebrating the day by killing John Hester. John got the drop on him, however, and Elijah has gone where there is no snow to speak of.

A dispute over a game of cards, at Harrodsburg, between two negro gamblers named Utley and Patten, resulted in Utley being chopped to mince with a bowie-knife.

Bathgate, the agent of James Gordon Bennett and Leonard Jerome, is visiting the Bluegrass Nation on the hunt of fine horseflesh for those gentlemen.

Simon Lee, a negro desperado, fired into a house at Connersville, Harrison county, where a negro dance was going on. The fire was returned by some of the dancers, and Lee fell severely wounded in the head and abdomen.

A negro woman named Belle Allen, at Somerset, was burned to death by her clothes igniting at a stove by which she was warming.

Mr. A. Meisel, the lithographer of Buford's Sons great picture printing house, Boston, has been in this State examining the lithographic stone in Estill county. He pronounces it equal to the best German stone, and says there is enough of it to supply the world.

A stock-burster of Shannon, Mason county, named Chancellor, got drunk Christmas day on egg-nogg, and was thrown from his steed while performing "feats of noble horsemanship" in view of his sweetheart. This so mortified him that he placed his revolver to his head and sent a bullet through his brain.

John Hester (the murderer of Elijah Short) and Sam Ford, his accomplice, escaped from their guard at Franklin, and have gone to parts unknown.

The Millersburg Female College was burned to the ground on the morning of the 27th ult. The fire originated from a defective flue.

Judge Randall is holding court in Breathitt. The ringleaders of the Little party, arrested by the militia, are in jail. Gov. McCreary has dispatched Maj. W. R. Kinney to Jackson to prosecute them for the State.

Wilson Miller celebrated Christmas at Maysville by cutting John Sca's throat, totally eclipsing that luminary.

Joe Wyatt, a government store-keeper, and one of the most trifling creatures on earth, stabbed a Mr. Sterling saloon-keeper.

Carth. Wilson was shot at Versailles by officer Ed Wright. Wilson was reloading.

At Corbinville, Saturday night, Mrs. Dickerson attempted to accelerate the blowing of her fire with blasting powder. The consequent explosion killed her and mortally injured her three children.

The Governor, in response to a demand for mounted men from Judge Randall, ordered a detachment of the Louisville Light Artillery to proceed at once to Mr. Sterling, where they would be mounted. The boys were provided with horses last Thursday, and started for Breathitt just in time to enjoy riding in the "cold snap."

J. M. Hopkins, the big Louisville merchant, has gone up the flume. His liabilities are very heavy.

Madison county gives notice that she still takes a hand in the game. At Big Hill, on Christmas night, Tom Sewell entertained a party by shooting and killing Sandy Dunbar, and beating Miss Sadie Davis almost to death. The chivalrous youth then galloped off in safety.

A drunken Irishman was put off the train on the Short Line road between Christiansburg and Cropper's Depot, Thursday, and was frozen so bad before he was discovered that he had to suffer the amputation of one hand and both feet. His name was Mike Sullivan.

James Carter, while on a Christmas spree at Owenton, endeavored to kill his uncle, S. W. Perry, with an axe.

An unknown negro boy, aged about fourteen, was found frozen to death on the Wyoming and Owingsville pike, about six miles from the latter place, on the morning of the 27th ult.

J. Monroe Hart, started from Owingsville to his uncle's, about four miles from town, Thursday night, and was found next day frozen to death.

Mrs. Elijah Hanabrough, well known as the popular landlady of the Rough Creek Springs, died at Elizabethtown, leaving a child only a few days old.

The Masonic hall and academy at Canton were destroyed by fire Friday night.

Hon. Henry Tyler, of Hickman, has written to the editor of the Mayfield Democrat a formal announcement of his candidacy for Lieutenant-Governor.

I never county wouldn't swap her Henry Neece (aged 112) for a bluegrass farm. The Russellville Herald and Logan county Enterprise have been consolidated. The new paper, under the title of Herald-Enterprise, makes its first appearance today.

Samuel Carothers wants to represent Bullitt and Spencer in the next Legislature.

Carlisle has one hundred and nine unmarried women.

At a party on Middle Creek, Floyd county, Noah Watkins plunged a knife into Greenwood Hampton's neck, causing death in a few minutes. The murderer is in jail.

Two hundred and twelve murders and attempts at murder in this State last year. Hangings, one; sent to the penitentiary for life, two, and one of these (Grove Kennedy) out on a chance for another trial.

Elder Barnes, the Campbellite revivalist, has gone to Lexington, declaring that the Lord had promised him a thousand souls there. It is just possible that Bro. Barnes misunderstood the name of the place he was sent to.

John Everman, of Nicholas county, scored ninety-two on the notch-stick of life, and then departed.

A little six year old son of Russell Burns, a prominent lawyer of Paris, was burned to death by his clothing catching fire from the grate.

Thomas Richardson, a wagon-maker of Paris, woke up Christmas morning and found his daughter, a very pretty young woman, missing, and she's missing yet. The young fellow that found her in his stocking is evidently going to keep her.

Two strange negroes indulged in a duel, with revolvers, Christmas morning, near Union Mills, Jessamine county. One had his thigh broken by a bullet from his antagonist's weapon.

Scarlet fever is epidemic among the negro population of Harrodsburg.

R. H. Pallas, the base painter at the Henderson car-shops, was assaulted by a tramp, who knocked him down with a hammer, inflicting serious injuries. The attack was unprovoked.

Tom Jim Ballard, at Big Hill, Madison county, shot and fatally wounded John Collins.

It is believed the Millersburg Female College was fired by an incendiary.

The widow Lawson, living near Lebanon Junction, celebrated her eightieth birthday, Thursday night, by going to bed with a pipe in her mouth. Next day, after the debris got cool enough to handle, all that the neighbors found of the old lady among the ashes of the house was a charred skeleton.

The shovel seems to have become the favorite weapon with Bath county murderers. James Miller brained his brother-in-law, James Foley, with one, and Thornton Snelling sent Jake Rogers to the happy hunting grounds with another. The former pair were black and the latter white, but espades were trumps in both games.

Elliot county outlaws, not so brave as their Breathitt brethren, fight their enemies with the incendiary's torch. That's why James Maggart weeps over the ashes of his mill and carding machine, why Fleming Maggart has neither dwelling, wheat nor corn, and why John Oney has nowhere to lay his head, unless he curls up in the ashes of his house.

Elder Ryland S. Dillard, one of the oldest ministers of the Baptist church in the State, died at Shelbyville.

Capt. John L. McDowell, a veteran of the war of 1812, died in Franklin county.

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BRECKENRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT.  
E. B. Clark, Adm., Plff.,  
vs.  
E. B. Clark, Dft.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of Eusebius Clark, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Breckenridge Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Hardinsburg, from the date hereof until the 20th day of February, 1879, to receive and hear proof of claims against said deceased; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

G. B. BABBAGE, M.C.B.C.C.  
January 8, 1879. n25-3t

## STATEMENT

Of the condition of the Breckenridge Bank, Cloverport, Ky., at the close of business, December 31, 1878.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$10,000.00
Deposits	39,875.81
Discount, Interest, and Exchange.	2,363.43
Total Liabilities	\$52,239.24
RESOURCES.	
Notes and Bills Discounted	\$59,644.95
Expense Account and Taxes	1,267.78
Prepaid Accounts	22.76
Stamp Account	10.00
Profits and Loss	24.47
Debits in Suit	1,015.23
Bank Fixtures and Furniture	1,540.40
Due by National Banks	10,265.53
Premium on Gold and Silver	16.42
Suspended Debt	57.50
Gold, Silver and Currency	11,225.95
Total Resources	\$88,957.24

I, A. B. SKILLMAN, Cashier of the Breckenridge Bank, Cloverport, Ky., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. B. SKILLMAN, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of December, 1878.

R. F. WATFIELD,  
Notary Public, B. C. Ky.

## Commissioner's Notice.

BRECKENRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT.  
J. F. Arms, Plff.,  
vs.  
Mary Spencer, Dft.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of John Spencer, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Breckenridge Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Hardinsburg, from the date hereof until the 20th day of February, 1879, to receive and hear proof of claims against said deceased; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

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## Commissioner's Notice.

BRECKENRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT.  
Nancy M. Bates, Adm. Jno. Bates, dec., Plff.,  
against  
John W. Bates and others, Defendants.

In Equity—  
Notice is hereby given to the creditors of John W. Bates, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Breckenridge Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Hardinsburg, from the date hereof until the 20th day of February, 1879, to receive and hear proof of claims against said deceased; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

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